

Dr Miriam Weisz OAM, the 2022 Madge Tate Service Award Recipient

Congratulations to the 2022 Madge Tate Service Award recipient, Dr Miriam Weisz OAM, the Immediate Past President of the RCH Auxiliaries. Mim has been involved with the Auxiliaries for the past six years and in this time has had a profound and lasting impact.

Mim is innovative, dedicated and immensely passionate about ensuring the continued success of the Auxiliaries. Since being appointed President of the Auxiliaries in 2016, Mim has been a strong leader, working tirelessly to ensure the strength, connection and legacy of this vibrant network.

Under Mim's leadership, the Auxiliaries remained committed to their mission: one team working together towards one goal - making sick kids better.

When COVID-19 hit in 2020, Mim helped the Auxiliaries to adapt and innovate, keeping members connected and fundraising throughout the pandemic. She worked with the RCH Foundation to introduce the RCH Gratitude Hub Online Store, which opened up the Auxiliaries to a wider market. She also helped initiate a range of innovative digital fundraising campaigns for the Auxiliaries. The campaigns have been incredibly successful, raising over \$140,000 in their first year and over \$200,000 in subsequent years.

Through the AEC, Mim has encouraged the mentoring program to ensure all members have felt supported, particularly throughout the turbulent times of the COVID-19 pandemic. She has also chaired the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Luncheon through six successful events, including two online. Through Mim's hard work and dedication, a scholarship will now be funded in perpetuity through the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Endowment Fund, which now has a corpus of over \$1 million.

Mim was also instrumental in establishing the Auxiliaries Legacy Fund. This special endowment fund aims to provide a permanent and growing source of funding to ensure the RCH can remain at the leading edge of paediatric healthcare, research and treatment for future generations with income from the fund supporting a designated project each year.

Throughout her time as President, Mim also made it a priority to improve financial reporting to the Auxiliaries and supported Auxiliaries to fund many pieces of innovative equipment for the RCH. In 2022, through Mim's leadership, the Auxiliaries came together to fund over \$1.75 million worth of equipment via the RCH Equipment List grant.

In addition to her work leading the Auxiliaries, Mim established the President's Fundraising Network as her own Auxiliary in 2017. The group started fundraising in 2018 and since that time has raised over \$800,000 by establishing giving circles, undertaking digital fundraising campaigns, and working closely with schools.

Thanks to Mim's generous spirit, commitment and passion - all qualities that embody Madge Tate - the Auxiliaries have thrived over the past six years and are now well placed for their next 100 years of fundraising for the RCH.



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